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"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof"—always excepting the War Department's property in the colony of Hongkong. To-day might have been seen the melancholy annual spectacle of half a dozen of the roads to the eastward of Murray Barracks barred by bamboo barricades, and guarded by sentries, who were ordered to inform the inquisitive taxpayer that it was forbidden to pass that way during the next twenty-four hours. It is the old mediæval custom of beating the boundaries and conserving the "rights" of the alleged owner—in this case an amiable but adipose old lady who spends most of her time at Balmoral, or Osborne, or Aix-les-Bains, or anywhere but London. Acres and acres of some of the most valuable land in this Colony have been made *taboo* for the day, and will be again this day twelve-months, and so, *ad infinitum*, unless the earnest representations of Sir G. W. P. Vaux are heeded.

The subject has long been a sore one in this colony. The War Office, when the allocation of the Colony was made, put its fat official hand over the entire area between Arsenal Street and the Cricket Ground, and housed the troops on the most suitable portions of the slope. In those days, however, there was room for everybody, and no-one suffered; but now, fifty years later, when the struggle—not for life, for living-room—is so great, the soldiery are still housed there, in one of the most eligible parts of the town, although, except for extra inconvenience too trifling to be discussed, they might just as well be located away at East Point, and the barrack-spaces given over to the Colony for the Colony's benefit. It has been talked of for the last five years, but as yet not a foot of land will the Imperial land-grabbers concede; the rest of Hongkong may be built over seven stories high, but the War Department will still "beat their boundaries," and hang on to their earth like grim Death to a dead nigger. The Horse Guards folk, of course, say "Wanted for purposes of defence," but if half the island is to be absorbed by the defenders of the other half why not make the place another Gibraltar, and wipe our military contribution off the slate?

The point was again raised last year, when the possibility of squeezing a doubled military contribution out of Hongkong was first considered. Governor Sir Vaux, in his dispatch, pointed out that the existing charge no means fairly represented the burthen which is really borne by the Colony. "The War Department and the Admiralty," said his Excellency, "occupy land in various localities which in its aggregate area is of great extent, and much of which, being in the centre of the town of Victoria, is of very great value. Unlike the other land of the Colony, this pays no rent, and what is of more importance, contributes nothing to the rates from the expenditure of which the Department in question receives the benefit. When this is taken into account, and there is also added the interest of the cost of the defence works and other lesser items, I estimate that the real contribution of the colony to its defence exceeds \$300,000 per annum, a sum equal to nearly 1-5th of the Revenue. Judging from the information at my command, I question whether there is paid towards this object by any other colony so large a proportion of its receipts, or anything like it; and it is moreover to be borne in mind that the defence of Hongkong practically includes to a considerable extent that of all the British mercantile communities in the many Treaty Ports of China and Japan which contribute nothing to its revenue. All things considered, therefore, it seems open to question not only whether Hongkong can be fairly called upon to increase its Military contribution, but also whether additional areas of land (such as are continually being requisitioned for the Military and Naval Departments) should not contribute to the Colonial Revenue in the shape of either rent or rates, or both."

Every argument there advanced is still true—increasingly weighty; but the public indignation culminates in an outburst when they see their so-called protectors—not simply keeping a ridiculously large proportion of our little island exclusively in their possession, but, on these anniversaries, practically parading the fact at the point of the bayonet.

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WE read that naphtha launches are increasing in number. They are supposed to be quite safe, and as the cost of running one, fitted with a four horse power engine and making a speed of seven miles an hour, is said to be about fifteen cents per hour, they will no doubt become popular.

DR. BROWN'S FEVER claims to be able to cure chronic intermittents, fever, rooted neuralgia, rheumatism, insomnia, and even leprosy, by his system of injection, but he meets with but little encouragement from the scientific portion of the world concentrated at Paris, who are sceptical, and believe the Doctor is losing his mind.

WE read that the King of Italy contemplates giving Queen Victoria by adding a colonial title to his royal dignities. He wants to be Emperor of Egypt and Eastern Africa, in view of his hereditary Abyssinian and colonies on the Red Sea coast. We thought better of Umberto I than this. Republican Italy won't tolerate any sham titles.

FOR every dollar England sends to the missionary work in Africa, says the *Detroit Free Press*, she ships a gallon of the same to the same district. For every missionary she sends she ships 200 barrels of rum. For every one convert she makes she makes 300 drunkards. An English religious journal says so, and it wouldn't look well for an American paper to dispute it.

THE ill-conditioned crank, Alfred S. Dyer, in a late number of the *Christianity* describes the European of Hongkong as "the lowest of the low." We have just written to Frank Slavin, the Australian bruiser, who is at present in London, to interview the reverend fraud on our behalf, and report the result of the encounter in Richard K. Fox's *Police Gazette*.

CORRESPONDENTS kindly note! We've had almost daily doses of "your valuable paper," "your widely-circulated journal," "your enormous popular sheet," and "your esteemed columns" for the past decade of our restless existence, until we long for something new. Now, give us a change compatible with truth. In future please say, "your praiseworthy columns," and then take a golden hair and go to sleep!

HENRY M. STANLEY says he foresees trouble between Protestants and Roman Catholics in Africa, if the native converts be not kept well in hand, but he has no fear of Mohammedanism in the future. That fact, he thinks, is fast dying, and he ventures to prophesy that within five years there will not be one Mohammedan south of the Equator in Central Africa. Stanley as a prophet is indeed something choice. We regard this impudent bushwhacker as the biggest fraud of the present day.

WHAT'S this we hear? That a notorious member of the Public Works Department, whose record is one of the cleanest, has been trying to raise a subscription amongst members of the Department to defray the legal expenses of the man Minibinnett in the serious charge against the latter now pending at the Magistracy. We are assured that this is true, so for the present content ourselves with directing the attention of the Surveyor General to what appears to be a gross attempt on the part of a Government official to influence the course of justice. If the Hon. S. Brown will order an investigation into this disgraceful business, we shall be glad to render him any assistance in our power.

COMMENTING upon the great allegorical canvas which Munkacsy has painted for Vienna and shown at the present Salon, the *Courrier de Paris* says: Heaven be praised, this impossible ceiling picture is a commission, and France escapes the error of the acquisition by the State of a colossal and radical mistake (on the part of the painter) to which the country of the *marquis* is not immune. French Artists have given the place of honor to M. de Munkacsy has been a general painter of a good deal of talent. Instead of remembering the wise advice: "Let us not push our talents too much," he has allowed himself to be persuaded that he possesses the stuff for a painter of history. He has succeeded in paying dearly for that fatal vagary.

CONSUMPTION, says a writer in the *Philadelphia Press*, has followed the English-speaking race wherever it has gone. Absent for a century after the first settlement of this country, appeared here as it did in every other colony of the English race, and its ravages only cease when it has reached those open to its assault. In ten years, ending in 1885, 26,780 persons died of it in this city and its vicinity; in the country reach 125,000. The larger proportion of these are men—the solitary advantage civilized woman obtains from the corset, spring from the necessity it lays on her of breathing with the tips of her lungs and keeping these nests of the disease well aerated. Hospitals already exist in Germany and England for consumption. One is needed here.

In the wealth of the Vanderbilts' be not over-estimated it amounts to nearly \$200,000,000. With this sum they could purchase 321 tons of gold and have something left over, but they couldn't buy two tons of gallium, that rare metal being worth \$3,250 an ounce. With this metal the highest price is reached, and it may well be called the rarest and purest of metals. Gallium is worth \$250 per ounce; indium, \$150; lithium, \$68; a pound; lanthanum, \$175; and lithium, \$160 per ounce. Niobium costs \$235 per ounce; cerium, gallium, platinum, \$125; potassium, \$125; and \$125 per pound. Strontium costs \$125 an ounce; tantalum \$144; tellurium, \$91; thorium, \$273; vanadium, \$320; yttrium, \$44; and zirconium \$250 an ounce. Thus we see that the commonly received opinions as to the most precious metals are quite erroneous.

MEMORY is found in all healthy states of the brain, and consists of a revival in the mind of a past condition or act, says the *New York Ledger*. It is not enough that the original impression be renewed on the brain and comprehended; it must be registered, so as to produce a permanent modification of brain structure or action, otherwise it passes from the mind and can only be vaguely recalled. A good memory depends on various considerations; one is healthy brain structure, another is arduous and arduous training, another is culture. The young remember more easily than the old. Their senses are active and there is an enormous amount of new healthy blood coursing through them at a rapid rate, and nutrition is active. Fatigue is fatal to good memory—it is then that nutrition languishes, and rest restores a healthy condition, and then the power of memory comes back again. As old age comes on nutrition is less perfect and the cells of the brain in which memory takes place become filled up with debris of decay, become yellow and actually lose their organized structure and are no longer capable of action.

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Cashular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, in San Francisco, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1890.

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Hongkong, 10th September, 1890.

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